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The Christmas Triumph

By GEORGE LAY LAW

AFTER a little over 1,900 years from the birth of its founder Christmas has become the most generally observed religious holiday on earth. There is scarcely a land beneath the sun that does not witness some celebration of the day set apart to commemorate the birth of the Carpenter of Nazareth. While in many Asiatic countries few participate in these celebrations, there are yet enough so that all peoples are learning the significance of the ceremony. Then, too, the number of actual participants is increasing year by year, so that it takes no very great stretch of the imagination to picture a time when Christmas observances will be practically universal.

The charge of the Master to carry his gospel to all the world has been religiously obeyed, and the prophecy of the thousand years of peace which were to follow close on that consummation should be on its way. Of the six continents Christianity entirely dominates four and is rapidly winning its way in the other two. Both North and South America are Christian in every part. The same is true of Australia and the surrounding islands constituting Australasia. All Europe follows the same faith, with the single exception of the southeastern corner belonging to Turkey, and even a considerable part of the Turkish empire, including Armenia, Bulgaria and others of the Balkan states, embraces Christianity, while Christian missions exist in Turkey.

In Africa, where the British govern Egypt and all South Africa, while

Russian influence and is being invaded by England from India. Palestine, Syria and Persia contain important Christian missions, though as nations they are still under Moslem control. The Boxer uprising was practically the last gasp of the virulent opposition to the advance of Christianity in China. The lesson received from Europe at that time, the important concessions granted in the chief ports to the great Christian powers, the invasion of Manchuria, the introduction of the railroad and the ever increasing numbers of missionaries, all of these things are gradually working a change in the Chinese empire. Mission work is rapidly increasing in Korea. Japan has borrowed most of her civilization from Christian nations and is seriously discussing the proposition of adopting their religion also. The Philippines belong to America, and a considerable portion has been Christianized.

Christmas morn. in the year of our Lord 1905 will therefore have a meaning to more nations and more people than any previous Christmas morn. in the history of mankind. The fact that this day will be celebrated by such widely variant types and in such widely separated nations gives a powerful suggestion of unity in the human race.

LADIES' AUCTION TO-DAY

There will be a special auction of the big Stephens' jewelry stock, for the ladies, from 10 to 12 o'clock to-day. Here is a chance to buy Christmas presents cheap.

N. C. McMILLAN.

Some Christmas History.

In 1805 the terms of peace between France and Austria were argued and agreed to on Christmas. In these Austria was forced to make several large gifts of territory to France, and Italy to acknowledge Napoleon as king of Italy.

The United States forces began their withdrawal from Charleston, S. C., to Fort Sumter on Christmas, 1860.

Under duress from the powers, Turkey, on Christmas, 1876, gave out a new constitution for the whole Ottoman empire, which granted Christians equal rights with Mohammedans—a decree, by the way, which the sultan began cheerfully to disobey as soon as the duress was removed.



HOFFMAN'S HEAD OF CHRIST.

France has virtual control of Morocco and other European powers have colonies throughout the continent, the faith of the Nazarene has a larger following than any other religion.

Asia, teeming with its vast Chinese and Hindoo hordes, is practically the only continent in which Christianity is not the dominant faith, and even here it has incalculable political and strategic advantages that are rapidly working a transformation. Siberia, occupying nearly half of the entire continent, is ruled by a Christian power. India, on the south, is under the control of England, and the missionaries are gradually winning their way. Tibet, the stronghold of Buddhism, is under

Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

By J. A. EDGERTON

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NINETEEN hundred years ago
Came a message sweet and low;
O'er an infant's humble birth
Fell a new strain to the earth.
Angels sang the chorus then,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."



THE DAWN IN THE MANGER.

IN this later, brighter day
He we nearer peace than they?
Still our soil with blood is wet.
War is round about us yet.
Will the carnage ever cease?
Still we hear the song of peace.

It will come. 'Tis not a dream.
Through the darkness shines a gleam.
'Tis a glimpse, a prophecy
Of the years that are to be.
Of a new time come to birth,
Of the dawn of "Peace on earth."



"PEACE ON EARTH."
SCROLLS of steel and cable bind
Clear all of human kind,
And the workers of the world
Have a common flag unfurled.
Thought and traffic banish strife;
Love becomes the law of life.

NINETEEN hundred years ago
Came a message sweet and low;
And that song by angels sung
Through the centuries has rung.
Hark! It rises once again,
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